

Appl. No.: 10/923,224
Amdt. dated 04/11/2006
Reply to Office Action of 09/09/2005 and
Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment of 03/13/2006

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS


This supplements the Amendment filed December 16, 2005 in response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2005 and further responds to the Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment dated March 13, 2006.

Applicant affirms the provisional election of Group I (Claims 1-15) without traverse and expressly reserves the right to file divisional applications or take such other appropriate measures deemed necessary to protect the inventions in the remaining claims. The elected claims now pending include Claims 1-2, 6-8, 11-15, and new Claims 22-27, added in the December 16, 2005 Amendment. The remaining, non-elected claims have been cancelled.

Should the Examiner have further questions or comments with respect to examination of this case, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned so that further examination of this application can be expedited.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-1125.

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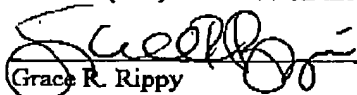
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